

RESOLUTION NO. RS2019-1694

A resolution requesting the Davidson County delegation of the Tennessee General Assembly to sponsor and support HB71/SB181, as amended, to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages and beer for consumption on the premises of a zoo.

WHEREAS, under Tenn. Code Ann. § 57-4-101, zoological institutions are authorized to sell alcoholic beverages and beer only during special events scheduled for fund-raising purposes; and

WHEREAS, HB71/SB181, currently pending before the Tennessee General Assembly, would authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages and beer at the Knoxville Zoo; and

WHEREAS, an amendment, already adopted by the Tennessee Senate, would add the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere to this legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Zoo desires to sell alcoholic beverages, limited to on-premises within its new restaurant, set to open in the spring of 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Zoo is a major attraction for local residents and tourists, with the 2018 attendance at the Nashville Zoo topping one million visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Zoo employees approximately two-hundred full and part-time employees, with an annual budget of over \$18 million; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council desires that the Davidson County delegation support this legislation in order to benefit the Nashville Zoo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council of Nashville and Davidson County hereby goes on record as urging the Davidson County delegation of the Tennessee General Assembly, and the Assembly as a whole, to support HB71/SB181, as amended, to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages and beer for consumption on the premises of the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to members of the Davidson County delegation of the Tennessee General Assembly.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

INTRODUCED BY:

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